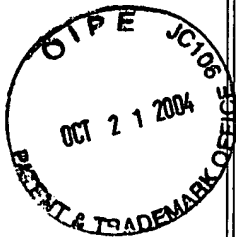


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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.